

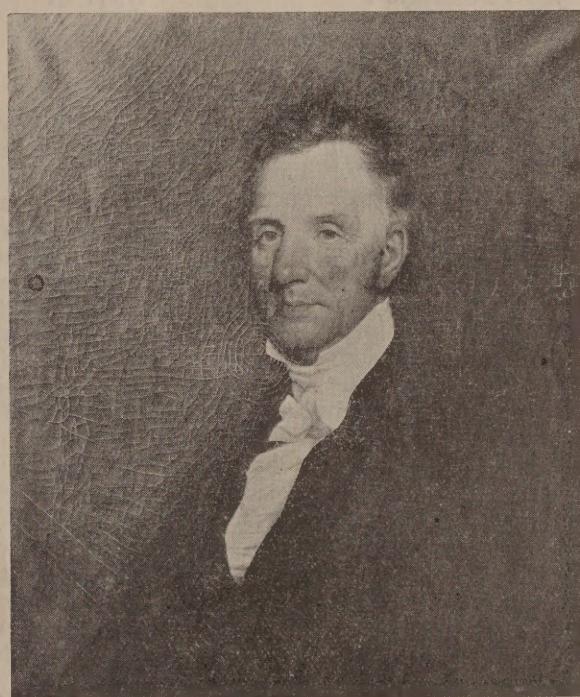
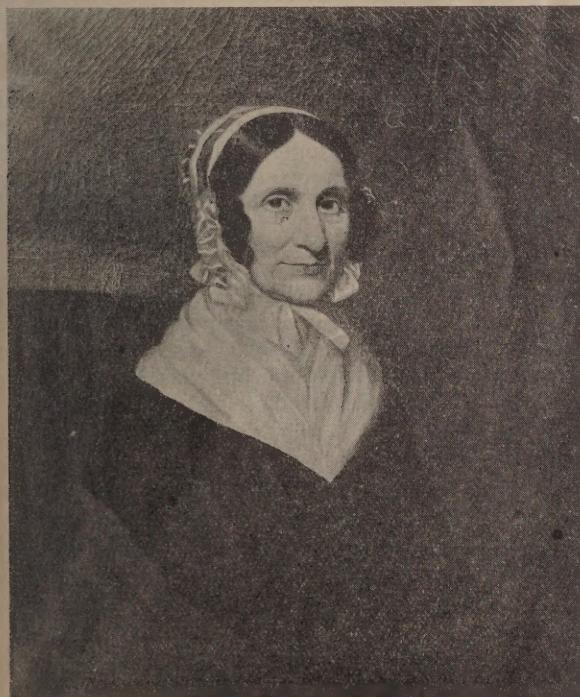
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"SIR" ROBERT AND "LADY" BRINLEY

These were the titles by which the subjects of our illustrations were known fifty or sixty years ago, and it gives me a great deal of satisfaction to know that the more prominent of our early citizens are being brought before the eyes of the present generation. Of Sir Robert Brinley's genealogy I would refer you to last year's (1917) number of the V. I. A. Annual. I think there is no doubt about the correctness of this, as it was compiled from family papers by a member of the family, for the "Young People's League" in its "Centennial Record," published in 1876. I have a few notes taken at times from various sources that might be of interest at the present time illustrating the Tory side of the Revolutionary War; the secret meetings of both Tory and Patriot or Rebel factions, and the plots and intrigues reminds one of the present pro and ante German movements of today.

Among my notes is one saying that Robert Brinley was born in the Auchmuty House in Roxbury. I had never heard of that house at the time, but in 1889 my attention was called to it by an article in the Boston Sunday Herald, which gave a cut of the house, and I immediately surmised where Sir Robert took the

plans for his mansion in Tyngsboro, which he built in 1801.

The Herald says:—One by one the historic houses of Boston's Revolutionary period are disappearing. Today the workmen are removing the Auchmuty house on the corner of Washington and Cliff streets. This house was built in 1761 by Robert Auchmuty, and early in the war was a convenient halting place between the Province House and Governor Bernard's country house in Jamaica Plain, and Lieut. Gov. Hutchinson's house in Milton. Judge Auchmuty was an intense Royalist and in the "East Room" used to assemble the "Tory Conclave" consisting of Gov. Bernard, Lieut. Gov. Hutchinson, Auchmuty, Hulton, Burch, Hallowell and Paxton, and there scheme to overthrow the plans of the Patriots.

Judge Auchmuty married a daughter of Sir George Cradock, vice-judge of Admiralty, and collector of the port. Nathaniel Brinley married another daughter, Catherine Cradock, who was Sir Robert Brinley's mother. Thus we see a shadow of possibility in the statement that he was connected with the house.

In later years the house was owned by Beza Tucker, whose daughter Ellen was married to Ralph Waldo Emerson in this house.

Sir Robert removed to Tyngsboro where he was married and lived many years in his "new" house. Later he removed to the house where Dr. Lambert lives, where he died in 1867.

Lady Brinley was the daughter of Hon. John Pitts, and Mary, daughter of Judge John and Mary (Morse) Tyng. Her mother died when she was very young, and she was "brought up" at her grandfather's home in Tyngsboro.

J. H. B.

TYNGSBORO'S HONOR LIST

When the Annual went to press last year twelve Tyngsboro men were in the service of the United States army and navy. Three more were awaiting orders to be ready to report on twenty-four hours notice. Since then more than that number have responded to the nation's call. We have watched their training with great interest. We have awaited news from those who went "over there" with pride but also with bated breath for we all knew they were there on the most serious errand, prepared to give life itself if necessary. The mothers and fathers in this village, the wives, sisters and sweethearts who have seen their boys bravely don Uncle Sam's uniform and quietly slip away have not had the easier part and neighbors and friends have been proud of their bravery, too, in making this harder sacrifice. We are devoutly thankful that not one of our families has had to make that greatest sacrifice which has shadowed many homes throughout our land. Some of our boys have been sick nearly unto death, some have been badly wounded, but all have life and hope left to them.

Just what our boys mean to us and what their coming must have meant to the wronged peoples of Europe was felt by each one of us when our church bells pealed out the news that the armistice was signed.

An attempt has been made to give a brief but accurate account of the doings of each man who went into service from Tyngsboro. If any have been omitted it is entirely unintentional. Some have been included who did not actually belong to our quota, having enlisted in some other part of the country, but whom we claim as Tyngsboro boys, and in whom we are always interested.

Charles W. Barton, second lieutenant, infantry. Reported at Camp Devens, March 29, 1917. From there he was transferred to Camp Darling, Framingham. He sailed for Europe October 3, 1917. He saw active service at St. Mihiel and Argonne Forest, his right arm being wounded by a high explosive. He returned December 20, 1918, and was at home for a short time. He is now at Camp Dix, N. J.

Claude Irving Brown, infantry. Trained at Camp Devens from February 26, 1918, to May. He left New York May 10, 1918, for London. After a time at Folkstone, England, he crossed the channel to

Calais and received further preparation at Lizy, Samoron and Radamond in France. He took an active part in the battle of Chateau Theirry and was badly wounded in the left leg, causing the loss of the leg. He returned to the United States and was mustered out of service at Washington, D. C., December 10, 1918.

Charles Brown, born and bred in Tyngsboro, but in recent years has been in business in Canada, enlisted with the 47th Canadians under the name of George Gray. In 1915 he was wounded twice but went back as soon as able. At Flanders June 4, 1917, his leg was shattered by a shell. He was also wounded in the hand, head and body by shrapnel and was in different hospitals a year before an artificial leg could be fitted. He has received a discharge and a pension from the Canadian Government. He was awarded a medal for courage and bravery on the field, which was pinned on by King George with his own ribbon and a red, white and blue stripe. He also has two other decorations.

Laurance Brown enlisted in the navy as an electrician March 4, 1917. He was in Training School at New London, Conn., Submarine Base. He spent some time in New York and Philadelphia, but was back in New London when last heard from.

Roscoe Brown, corporal, enlisted in Detroit, Mich., in December, 1917, with the Ordnance Department. After experience in several camps here he went across in the spring of 1918, and is now probably in Germany pleased with a chance to see another slice of the Old World before returning to the New.

The last three mentioned are brothers.

Charles H. Coburn, corporal, enlisted and went to Camp Devens January 5, 1918, for four months in an Infantry Officers' Training School. Since that he has had four months special duty in the Adjutant General's department of the army assisting to mobilize the army. He spent one month in the 151st Depot Brigade as assistant supply sergeant and is now holding the same office in a casual detachment, helping, with many others to demobilize Uncle Sam's great army.

Charles Dodge Coffin, corporal in the Army Radio Section, Signal Corps. Enlisted February 15, 1918, and trained at the University of Vermont, Burlington, Vt., until June 30. During the latter part of July he was transferred to New York and sailed from there for Brest, arriving there August 6. He was in the Toul sector at first, then at Blenod, Port A, Moisson, Dommaitin, and Saulx. He is now back in Toul again, having been transferred in January to the 109th Field Battalion, Chitney. He took part in the great drive beginning September 12th, and came through without injury. His work was in a listening post. Wires were run into No Man's Land as near as possible to the German line and grounded. Then by means of an amplifier German calls and messages could be heard and at once sent to headquarters. Each man in Corp. Coffin's section received a written commendation from their Major for their good work.

They worked in five day shifts—five days on duty and five off. When off duty they were in rest billets behind the lines.

James Hunter Crocker, sergeant, 2nd Casual Company was called to Camp Devens September 21, 1917. He sailed from New York for England July 7, 1918, and is now at St. Aignon, France.

William G. Dixon, 43rd Canadian Battalion Infantry, enlisted January 24, 1918, going to Canada for that express purpose as he is an English subject. In February he was transported to Whitley, England and received six months' training. He was at the front at Arras and Cambrai and wounded at Cambrai, September 28, 1918.

Herbert Du Mesnil enlisted in Lowell and was sent to Camp Mills. He went across the water in October, 1917, with the 142nd Division in the Medical Department. He has acted as despatch bearer, at times riding a motorcycle under enemy fire. He has been in several big battles and has been wounded once. He is now with the Army of Occupation which went through Belgium into Germany.

Joseph Fallon went from North Chelmsford to Camp Devens in September, 1917. He went north from Devens and sailed from Halifax in July, 1918, with the Medical Corps. He is now in charge of the electric lighting plant at Camp Hospital No. 3 at Bourmont, France.

Elmer E. Flanders entered the service September 1, 1917, at Camp Devens. He left camp for overseas July 6, 1918, with the 76th Division, 302nd Machine Gun Division. After a few days in England he crossed to France and went immediately to the fighting front. He was transferred to "Pershing's Own" 101st Division and was wounded in action. He is still in a hospital in Germany.

Clifford H. Fuller enlisted in the navy July 29, 1918, and trained at Bumpkin Island Rifle Range. He is now at Harvard Radio School, Cambridge, Mass.

Harold Hunter entered the service July 30, 1918, at Fort Slocum, as an electrician in Signal Corps. He spent three months at Syracuse and three months at Fort Wood. He spent a few weeks as government inspector of wires in the Goodyear Rubber Works. He was discharged at Fort Wood, January 9, 1919.

Claude R. Knight, Sergeant, was a sergeant in Company K, 6th Regiment State Militia for several years previous to the entrance of the United States into the war. He spent several months in the summer of 1917 in New Hampshire doing guard duty at bridges. In the fall he was sent to Westfield, Mass., and later to Camp Green, Charlotte, N. C., where he remained through the winter. He was transferred in the spring to Spartanburg, S. C., where he was busy training men. Some of the time he served as mess sergeant. In July, 1918, an accident took him from duty for a time. Soon after returning to duty he got a bayonet thrust in his hands causing a serious case of blood

poison. He sailed from Norfolk late in September, 1918, on the Antigone with Co. K, 4th Pioneer Regiment. He landed in St. Nazaine, was soon sent to Le Mons and then to Monce en-Berlin where he has been for some time in Co. M, 330th Inf., on Rifle Range teaching men to shoot. When last heard from he was to move soon, possibly toward home.

Perley E. Knight, Co. B, 1st Engineers, went into service on April 2, 1918, at Camp Devens. He was soon transferred to Camp Humphreys, Va. He went overseas in May. Owing to strict censorship little is known of his doings or whereabouts since. His letters told of moving often, going far, mostly on foot, and nothing of his work. On October 20, 1918, he went to Base Hospital in Vichy, from some other place unknown. He is still at Vichy in a hospital made from a large hotel. May the famous mineral waters restore him to perfect health!

Stearns Morse enlisted from New Hampshire and began training in June, 1918, at Durham, N. H. Later he was transferred to Camp Devens to the 212th Field Signal Battalion. After the armistice was signed he did office work for a time and was discharged January 31, 1919.

Leon Noble, Co. C, 302nd Infantry, began training at Camp Devens in April, 1918; and went overseas July 3rd. Influenza kept him from going to the front. Since the signing of the armistice his duty has been to guard German prisoners at Pagny. His division is called "Prisoners of War Escort."

Henry A. Norris was called February 26, 1918, to Camp Devens where he has acted as cook ever since.

Harold F. Pierce, chief petty officer, enlisted and was called October 2, 1917, to the Naval Air Service. He trained at Bumpkin Island, Pensacola, Florida, and Philadelphia Navy Yard. Then crossing the water duty took him to the Irish coast, County of Cork, Aghada, Ireland, Castletown, Bere, Ireland, and Portland, England, giving eleven months of foreign service. He was at the Firth of Forth, Edinburgh, when the German fleet was turned over to the allies. From there he went to Portland, England, to make ready to meet and escort the George Washington bearing President Wilson to Brest, France. He sailed from Brest December 14th for New York and was discharged January 13, 1919, at Bay Ridge, N. Y.

Charles A. Pelletier, corporal, entered the service in August, 1918. He was sent to Camp Jackson, S. C., and stationed in the Field Artillery. He has received his discharge and returned home.

Joseph A. Pelletier, sergeant, began training at Camp Devens in September, 1917, in the Machine Gun Battalion. In July, 1918, he went to France where he received further training and his promotion. He was not in action, but at the time of the Armistice he was at the last camp on the frontier. When last heard from he was billeted in Sells-sur-Cher.

George Robeson went to Camp Devens October 5, 1917, where he was cook for nearly a year. He has

been transferred to the Medical Corps and is quite content with his lot. He is still at Camp Devens.

Benjamin Russon, Infantry, Co. L, 23rd A. E. F., enlisted July 2, 1917. His training was given him "over there" for he sailed August 3rd. He fought at Chateau Thierry and St. Mihiel and came out uninjured though he went over the top many times. He is now located at Vallendar, Germany.

Maxwell G. Sherburne, Ordnance Sergeant, enlisted and was called August, 1917. He trained at Watertown, Camp Mills until October, 1917, when he sailed from New York. He has been doing office work in the munitions department at Langres and Neuf Chateau, France. Those who remember that Max can run will be interested to learn that he entered the A. E. F. Cross Country Race on Christmas afternoon organized by the Paris Athletic Division of the Y. M. C. A. He finished fifth, thereby earning a bronze medal which will make a nice souvenir of Paris for him. When he was last heard from he was at Mehun near Orleans, but his relatives have reason to believe that he has started for home. His ability to speak French has given him several interesting trips with higher officers to act as interpreter for them.

Norman R. Sherburne, corporal in the Quartermaster Department, entered the service July 30, 1918. He was stationed at Syracuse Recruit Camp and then at Camp Merritt. Discharge was given him January 2, 1919, at Camp Devens.

These two above named Sherburnes are brothers.

Herbert F. Shipley, corporal, went May 10, 1918, to Camp Hancock, Ga., where he became an instructor in the Machine Gun School. He was discharged January 15, 1919, at Camp Devens.

George W. Smith, Jr., was among the first to go from town. At that time his family lived on the farm of the Stone Barn, formerly owned by Mr. Waldo Cummings. They were new-comers then and soon left town so we are unable to account for this man.

Henry G. Stone, 2nd lieutenant in Quartermaster's Department responded to the call December 4, 1917, and went to Camp Johnston, Florida. He suffered for many weeks here from severe illness. After his recovery he was transferred to Fort Sheridan, Ill., where he was in charge of hospital work, and now he is in the same line of work at Camp Benjamin Harrison, Indiana.

James Vickers and his brother **Thomas Vickers** came to this country three years ago and made their home with their aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Bentley, who live near Long Pond. They enlisted together December 7, 1917, and have been through a year of service together. They entered the 55th Coast Artillery, Battery E, and trained at Fort Standish. They crossed in March, 1918, and manned guns, French 155's at Chateau Thierry, Bloody Argonne, second battle of the Marne, Fismes, Verdun and Gesnes. Both boys returned to New York January 22, 1919, and neither has a scratch. They are at Fort Terry, Long Island awaiting discharge.

Horace H. White, second lieutenant, enlisted in the Air Service and became an aviator. He trained at Plattsburg, N. Y.; Cornell University, Ithica, N. Y.; Camp Dick, Texas; Camp Roanoke, Texas; Wilbur Wright Field, Ohio; West Point, Miss.; and Arcadia, Fla. At Arcadia he received his discharge in January, 1919.

Merritt O. White, first lieutenant, enlisted in the Air Service in May, 1917. He trained at the Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Mass. and at Bellville, Ill. Late in December, 1917, he went across and saw active service in nearly all the fighting in the Verdun and St. Mihiel Sectors. He often flew over the enemy lines to learn the exact location of the objective points for the American gunners. He has not been injured and is still flying in France near the Rhine border.

Walter C. White became a cadet in June, 1918, at the U. S. Military Academy at West Point, N. Y., and is preparing for officer's rank in the Army.

The last three men named are sons of Rev. and Mrs. Albert C. White, who came to town about a year ago in response to the call of the Unitarian Parish.

Wilbert Wilcox Sinclair, corporal of the United States Marines, was called April 19, 1917. He sailed from Maryland in May for France. He was in the Battle of the Marne and was three times burned and gassed.

Clarence H. Woodward enlisted in the Quartermasters Corps May 31, 1918. He was at Fort Slocum, N. Y., for a short time and then at Camp J. E. Johnston, Fla., until the last of July when he sailed from New York for France. He has been in Paris ever since and at present has charge of the transportation department at St. Denis, a part of Paris.

Marion Bennett sailed from New York with the Smith College Unit August, 1917. Spent the winter of 1917-1918 with the unit at Chateau de Robecourt par Hambleux Somme, France, doing relief work among the women and children who were left in the devastated villages. In the spring of 1918, after they had procured seed and helped the people to plant their gardens came the great retreat and the unit did noble work helping to evacuate the villages. After spending a short time at Beauvais doing hospital visiting under the Red Cross Miss Bennett joined the French Ambulance Service as a driver and remained in the service till the signing of the armistice. Since then she has joined the American Committee for Devastated Regions and is located at Vic sur Aisne, where she feels that there will be work to do for at least six months longer.

Mary V. Perham has gone to France as a Y. M. C. A. worker. She was in Paris to see President Wilson's triumphal entrance to Paris. She went January 3, 1919, to Neuf Chateau where there are many French camps and some American hospitals. She and a French woman are to have full charge of a hut—canteen, library, movies and everything connected with it, including teaching of English to French soldiers and the civil population.

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VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION
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The objects of this Association shall be to improve, ornament and light the streets and public grounds of Tyngsboro, by planting and cultivating trees, cleaning and repairing sidewalks and gutters, erecting, caring for, and lighting street lamps, and doing such other acts as shall tend to beautify, improve and light said streets and grounds.

A REAL ARTIST

It has been ascertained that the portraits of "Sir" Robert and "Lady" Brinley which adorn the walls of our library building and which have been reproduced to illustrate our historian's article in this issue of the Annual were painted by an artist whose reputation as a portrait painter reached beyond the boundaries of New England, namely Thomas Bailey Lawson. For nearly fifty years, though a native of Newburyport, Mr. Lawson made his home in Lowell, where he died in 1888 at the age of eighty-one. His studio was in the Carney Bank Building. Among the distinguished men who sent for him were Webster, Clay, Cushing, Garrison and Whittier. His portrait of Webster has been copied again and again on account of its accurate and pleasing likeness. He was a most entertaining companion. His acquaintance with celebrated men, his remarkable memory, his fondness of literary pursuits, his genial way and his love of anecdote all made his conversation peculiarly entertaining and instructive.

Through the kindness of Dr. Lambert the portraits were taken to Lowell to be photographed. Before they are returned to the Library they will be retouched by the artist, Mary Earle Wood, who will do all that may be done toward restoring and preserving the original appearance of Mr. Lawson's work.

TYNGSBORO MEN'S CLUB

The Tyngsboro Men's Club was organized March 15, 1915, the originator being the then Pastor of the Unitarian Church, Rev. Frank R. Gale.

At the first meeting, held March 15, 1915, there were twenty charter members and every year has seen new members added until at the present time we have a membership of sixty-seven. The first President of the Club was Wallace P. Butterfield. Others who have served are Helon E. Symonds and Frank G. W. McKittrick, the President at the present time being Enlo A. Perham.

Meetings are held the second Wednesday evening of each month from October to April, supper being served at 7 o'clock, followed by speaking.

The speakers are listened to with close attention by the members and their addresses have been very instructive, and the speaking together with the sociability that goes with the meetings make it a worthy organization in our town, and one that the members may well feel proud of.

THE GRAY SQUIRREL AS AN ACROBAT

Once upon a time in the early beginning of a fine day in the month of October, as I looked through my window facing the woods as I very often did, my interest was at once aroused by the moving picture of five gray squirrels who were feasting upon the good things provided. One frisky little fellow whose appetite was apparently sooner appeased than that of his companions, commenced a series of antics which terminated in a grand finale worthy of record. Acting like a frolicsome kitten, racing from stump to stump, running up the trunk of a tree a few feet and leaping back to the ground, sometimes going so near his busy comrades as to be a disturbing element, for they would evince their displeasure by snapping at him when he came too near, and gave further evidence of exuberant high spirit by frequently leaping two or three feet perpendicularly into the air. After witnessing this display of pure animal vigor for six or eight minutes he or she suddenly ran to a tree about a foot in diameter and situated some six or seven feet distant from another tree. After climbing nimbly to a height of perhaps eight feet he sprang backward into the air and, turning a complete somersault while moving, landed head downward within a foot of the ground on the other tree.

PIGS

Considerable interest and rivalry in pig raising has been developed among several residents of the village during the last season. Among other competitors, whose names do not now occur to the writer, are H. E. Symonds, Chester Queen, Fred E. Coburn, R. B. Sherburne, Marshall Curtis, Valmos Stone, Mrs. Arthur Gilson and Louville Curtis. Judging from the stories of the various competitors, remarkable results have been obtained. The exact figures cannot be given, as but few members, for obvious reasons, have kept accurate accounts of receipts and expenditures. It is surmised, however, that many of the subscriptions to the Fourth Liberty Loan were made in anticipation of large profits from this new and popular industry.

At least one member of the club has made a careful study of the nature and habits of pigs in general, and says that the most noticeable universal trait of this interesting and useful animal, is a disposition to push and crowd his neighbor when food is within his reach. He—the pig—wants it all and his neighbor is of little or no importance at that particular time. This trait, this same member says, has never been excelled except by his—the pigs—human cousins, at most any large railroad station, when rushing for the best seats in the car, even when there are seats enough for all and usually many to spare. How they—not the pigs—will crowd, push, jostle and, if necessary, trample on any one who happens to be in their way. If some of our well bred pigs, such as have been raised by some of our members this season, could witness such a scene they would see that they are easily outclassed.

Perhaps it is well to say here that the self constituted pig club hopes to enlarge its membership during the coming year, and introduce new methods in

its work. Some have suggested that a more accurate and truthful accounting system be adopted, but after much careful thought, it has been decided that this might cause many of our present members to withdraw, and also prevent other desirable members from coming in.

Several peculiarities have been discovered in the club work this season, the most noticeable of which is the ability of each owner to see so many good points in his own pig, that cannot be seen by the other members. This is so general that it is thought best not to attempt any reformation in this matter. Harmony in club work is of more importance. It has been unanimously decided, however, that next season, the following rule will be strictly enforced, viz: That any member, in looking at another member's pig, shall speak only of his *good* points—in the owner's presence. Other remarks must be reserved for a more suitable occasion.

By A MEMBER.

MONTE-CARLO

(Quoted from a letter written by Corp. Roscoe D. Brown to his mother.)

"I was in Monte Carlo, Monica and Menton yesterday. Menton is on the Italian border and of course I walked into Italy as far as the guards would let me. The line at the coast is in a wonderful gorge and I went across the bridge over the gorge at about 1500 feet altitude. It was a most wonderful sight and the view of Menton from that height is grand.

We went through the big gambling house at Monte-Carlo and were shown the various devices to either get rid of or win money. Soldiers are not allowed to gamble and I guess it is a good thing. The building is wonderfully decorated both outside and inside. The paintings, so they say, are worth millions of dollars and the statuary is remarkable. The ceilings have about two hundred paintings of different subjects. I never even suspected there was such a building in the world. We spent two hours looking it over and then we didn't see half of it. The building also contains a magnificent theatre about the size of the Opera House in Lowell. That also was beautifully decorated. All in all it was the most wonderful sight I ever saw.

We took a carriage from Monte-Carlo to Menton and it was certainly a ride I never will forget. It was over a mountain trail and the ever changing view was remarkable. First on the crest of a mountain overlooking the sea and then in a valley where a small town is nestled with its red tile roofs. It was worth a whole lot to see those sights.

To cap the climax I heard today our company had gone into Germany. Can you imagine it? That means we report to our outfit there and have at least six months more in the old world. It's tough luck but I suppose we might as well look over all the countries while we are here. What do you think? It is considered an honor to go into Germany as only picked troops are sent there, so I suppose we should be perfectly satisfied."

THE ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the V. I. A. was held in the Town Hall on Friday evening, November 8, 1918, with over a hundred members and friends present.

The ladies of the executive committee were undaunted apparently by the prevailing high cost of food products, for under their management a fine chicken dinner was served which included not only chicken and all the "fixin's" but a variety of salads, ice cream and fancy pastries.

The meeting was called to order by President Fred D. Lambert. The reports of the clerk, treasurer and auditor were read and accepted. Mr. R. W. Sherburne as chairman of the executive board said that the greens had been cared for, the rubbish barrels emptied and team sent around to the houses twice to collect rubbish. Labor and materials being so high no new work was done but the money put in the savings bank. Officers were elected as follows: President, Mr. Raymond W. Sherburne; Vice-Presidents, Mr. H. E. Symonds and Mr. R. B. Sherburne; Clerk, Miss Bernice R. Sherburne; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Lena M. Coburn; Treasurer, Mr. Ralph S. Harlow; Executive Committee for three years, Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe C. Turner.

Rev. Ullom, a Y. M. C. A. worker recently returned from France, was the speaker of the evening.

Music was rendered by Mrs. Valmos Stone, Mr. Charles Littlehale, Mrs. Otto Moor and Mrs. Earl Ricketts.

BERTHA M. TURNER, Clerk.

TREASURER'S REPORT, 1917-1918

Receipts

Cash	\$ 33.41
V. I. A. Banquet	39.29
Tyng Box Co., gift	10.00
Membership Dues	15.00
Receipts from Fair, 1918—Ad-	
missions	\$ 76.64
Fancy Table	28.55
Candy Table	26.18
Red Cross Table	12.82
Farmers' Table	7.42
Domestic Table	6.12
Ice Cream Table	5.35
Supper Table	20.53
Children's Table	11.20
Gifts	15.65
	\$210.46
Expenses of Fair	67.12
	\$143.34
V. I. A. Annual	96.00
<i>Total</i>	\$337.04

Expenses

Annual Supper	\$ 42.63
Claude A. Bell, teaming	8.50
Butterfield Printing Co.	84.50
Granville Queen, labor	14.25
	\$149.88
Balance	187.16
	\$337.04

RALPH S. HARLOW, Treasurer.

THE VILLAGE BEAUTIFUL

A. C. W.

The first impression of a visitor to Tyngsboro is the vantage of the village for situation. It fringes the banks of a romantic river. From the Littlehale home topping the crest of a gracefully sloping hill that washes one foot in the flowing Merrimack, the observer looks at a shimmering silver crescent spanned by a web of steel, thru which, like shuttles in the shed of a weaver's loom, plies the daily traffic of trucks and pleasure cars. The convex of this arc supports the highway that falls into North Chelmsford, while its concave edge is skirted by the Pawtucket Boulevard with its picturesque bungalows and summer camps.

This web of steel which science has tied to the banks of the river, is flanked on its western terminal by the fine old colonial church of the First Parish, a sentinel at the bridgehead: and in single file, dignified and solid, march along the substantial macadam, the stately homes of Albert Flint, Raymond Sherburne, and Doctor Lambert; and the Brinley Place, associated in recent years with Nance O'Neill, America's greatest tragedienne, but now the summer rest home of Lowell's Sisters of Charity, rears its colonial beauty among wide-embracing and lofty elms, upon a terraced knoll.

Flanking the eastern terminal, stands a cavalcade of young pines guarding the approach that curves to it from the boulevard. Their tall green lances, like spears at rest in the hands of a battalion of Uhlans, rise straight from the soil and betray their origin from the hand of man. A garden, in the summer, intervenes between the river and these evergreen spears; and standing at the entrance to our weaver's shed, one could imagine that the beautifully patterned fabric had been cut from the loom and spread upon the hillside that falls so gently to the water's edge.

Were it not for the trees which park the village in summer, one could look down from the Littlehale home upon the several thoroughfares that radiate from the fountain in the heaterpiece, and search out to their suburbs, the cities of Lowell and Nashua, and a few hamlets which lie close and friendly. The scenic beauties that fill the area of even a narrow circle with Tyngsboro at its centre, would distinguish a far less prepossessing borough.

From the concrete bridge which covers the connecting stream that debouches from the little lake near by, into the Merrimack, three roads invite the explorer: the Dunstable, the State highway, and the old Nashua road that bends like a bow and straightens again at the Washburn home. If one chooses this path and is not too particular to keep it steadily, but makes occasional digressions to the lateral groups of pines and hills of vantage along the way, surprises will greet him in the intervals, panoramic fields of color, and glimpses of shimmering water as the river breaks from its hiding and escapes from the shelter of its wooded shores.

Yet one might choose the beaten highway that undulates and forms the string of the old Nashua bow, and not be disappointed at the scenic revelations

to be met with, as Nature waves her hand and makes her salutations, and sits beside the road in friendly welcome to all.

See, then, what a pleasing setting this village jewel has, held within the centre of encircling natural beauty. One might pause, and kneel and reverently pay homage, then rise and sing praises with the countless birds that dwell or sojourn here.

One hesitates to introduce a seemingly jarring note into this symphony of nature, by suggesting an improvement upon nature. A village, one might say, can be the village beautiful without the helping human hand. Yet, without intrusion or intentional offence, without the introduction of formal pattern: in no spirit of rivalry; but only with the wish to emulate, lovers of the village beautiful might beg from Nature the wild things which she holds in her palm, and set them along the roadsides to fringe with blossoms and color and autumn crimson glory. That kind of improvement upon nature would have Nature's approval and offend no one's love for the beautiful things that grow wild.

There is a familiar tradition that God set man and his amiable companion in a primitive and virgin garden of wild fruits and flowers, and bade them to cultivate it, and improve upon its natural beauty; but that, surrounded by so much of God's perfection, their hands forgot their cunning, and paradise was lost to them, and they went into exile and toiled thru sweat and pain for "bread alone." There is another tradition which says that as "exiles from home," and barred from paradise by a flaming sword, they together have sometimes made the desert to blossom as the rose. Is there not a hint in these traditions that the touch of human hands has still some value to those who would like to make OUR village yet more beautiful as it is?

RED CROSS

The Tyngsboro Branch of the American Red Cross has held regular meetings at the Winslow School House Thursday afternoons during the past year.

Large bundles of garments ready to make and yarn for knitting have been received from Lowell and the articles either worked upon at the school house or distributed among the willing workers to be taken home and completed.

Since the armistice was signed and the call for workers has become still more urgent all day Thursday meetings have been held and a surprising amount of work accomplished. This schedule will probably continue as long as there is need of garments and every one who possibly can is urgently invited to come and lend a hand.

The following list shows the number of garments completed and returned to Lowell since July 1 1918: Socks, 144 pair; T Bandages, 12; Under Shirts, 27; Convalescent Robes, 9; Winter Bed Shirts, 6; Pajamas, 8 pair; Boys' Shirts, 18; Layettes, 16; Drawers, 6 pair; Boys' Under Drawers, 6 pair; Sweaters, 8; Kits, 80; Shot Bags, 150; Scullelus, 30; Aprons, 10; Property Bags, 18.

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Pocahontas	Winnefred Flagg Symonds
Powhaton	Raymond Sherburne
John Rolfe	Norman Sherburne
E Noes-it-all (Rolfe as Prophet)	Ernest Sherburne
Songe-ha-ha	Horace Clarke
Ah-Hum (Medicine Man)	Malcolm Parrish
An Usher (at Court of King James)	Francena Sherburne
Ah-Meek (The Indian Mother-in-Law)	Daisy Stone
Lady Bird (Lady in waiting to the Queen)	Ethel Hadley
Wah-wah-tay-see	Bernice R. Sherburne
Queen Anne	Earle Gilson Duane Young
Pages of Queen	

ACT I.

Scene: "In America"

Chorus: Indian Braves, Maidens and Squaws

ACT II.

Scene: Court of King James

Ladies, Yeomen of the Guard,

Beefeaters and Indians

Grace Allgrove, Mildred Shea, Anna Pelletier, Bessie Norris, Silvia Gagnon, Martha Worcester, Daisy Stone, Frank Cobleigh, Charles Payer, Nelson McLoon, Ralph Pelletier, Charles Allgrove, Malcolm Parrish, Ernest Sherburne, James Payer.

MUSICAL NUMBERS

ACT I.

1. Overture Instrumental
2. This is a Gay and Happy Day Indian Maidens
Powhaton and Ah-Meek

3. Rejoice, Rejoice Chorus and Pocahontas
4. O Life is Worth the Living Pocahontas
- 4a. Hoppety Kick Braves
5. A Lady I Know Ah-Hum and Powhaton
6. This is a Mighty Land Smith and Chorus
7. I Grant Your Appeal Powhaton, Smith and Maidens
8. You are so Brave Pocahontas and Smith
9. We Will Go and Seek Ah-Meek Pocahontas, Smith and Ah Hum
10. Alas! alas! I've Lost My Friend Rolfe
11. Pray Ask Us Wah-wah-tay-see and Maidens
12. Hi-yah! Bow-wow Rolfe and Chorus
13. I am a Prophet Rolfe and Chorus
14. I Shall Sail Across the Water Finale Act 1
Principals and Chorus

ACT II.

15. Introduction and Opening Chorus
Lady Bird, Usher, Ladies-in-Waiting and
Yeoman of the Guard
16. Dance "Pocahontas" Gavotte
17. Recitative Great Queen Ah-Meek
18. Once I Gave a Dinner Party Ah-Meek and Chorus
19. Sailing from Far Away Lands Songehaha and Chorus
20. Oracles Usher
21. Enter, Enter Chosen Bridegroom Usher and Chorus
22. Say Have I Won Rolfe and Pocahontas
22. I Thank You Rolfe
23. Finale Principals and Full Chorus

ARGUMENT

Act I. Pow-hat-on, Chief of the Chuck-dollah Indians, has called the tribe together to help decide how to celebrate this the birthday of Pocahontas. He forgot to notify Ah-Meek his mother-in-law and has trouble to pacify her. Warriors capture Smith and without trial he is condemned to death. Pocahontas demands his life as her birthday gift. Ah-Meek enters and falls in love with Smith and also pleads for his life. Indians retire for consultation. Enter Rolfe hunting for Smith. The maidens and Pocahontas scheme with him by means of a disguise to save Smith. After a battle of wits it is agreed that Smith may go and that all will meet at the Court of King James.

Act II. Whitehall. Good Queen Anne seeks information concerning their difficulties and tactfully settles matters. The marriage of Rolfe and Pocahontas is sanctioned by Powhaton and the Queen.

BUILDING AND REAL ESTATE

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It behooves every householder in Tyngsborough, not already supplied, to get and keep in running order, a fire extinguisher of some sort. In too many instances has it transpired that the apparatus furnished by the town free to certain reliable citizens, has disastrously failed to work at the crucial moment, through lack of care and frequent tests. With the rising cost of fire insurance rates, especially on country property, the risks are too great to allow of any negligence in exercise of the most careful oversight of all buildings on the premises thereto belonging. We have lost by fire so many of our notable buildings in recent years that every new loss constitutes a real calamity, as very few are replaced. In the spring P. Hazard's fine barn, the largest in this vicinity and the Claude S. Bell fire,—house and barn total loss—quite recently, swelled the list already too long.

Building operations during 1918 were practically nil. With price of labor and material nothing doing except small activities in repairs.

In the lake region on the east side the following transfers took place: W. W. Cole to L. H. Burndrett, land. E. C. Linn to E. F. Gregoire, land. Grace H. Kimball to I. A. Janelle, land and buildings. Delia Gosselin to Albert St. George, land. E. C. Linn to O. Leclerc, land. O. Leclerc to Leo Leclair, land. Leo Leclair to M. F. Albert, land. C. F. Perham to M. Carpenter, land. I. H. Pollard to F. D. Greene, land. W. W. Cole to L. F. Murray, land. H. A. Sherman to A. G. Fox, land and buildings. G. H. Davis to E. Chapman, land; and to H. St. Marie, land. E. C. Linn to B. Blanchard, land. E. Pelletier to J. Drainville, land. A. J. Dubois to A. Vigeant, land. G. Bowers to M. Donlon, land. Joseph Maynard to Fred A. Cole, land and buildings. W. B. Begin to Louis Sergorie, land and buildings. M. A. Young to W. H. Noonan, land. A. A. Lundberg to C. A. Lundberg, land and buildings. M. Sorrentino to G. Sorrentino, land and buildings.

Mr. Raymond W. Sherburne has bought the Annie R. Harlow place on Main street and taken up his residence therein.

Mr. Alexander Thompson sold the old Joseph Danforth place which he had owned for many years to William Smith, who later deeded it to Lillie B. Titus.

Pleased to record that Station Agent Gagnon after some delay obtained the title to the James Danforth place on old Nashua Road.

Mr. J. G. Queen sold to Mr. Arsene Morissette the place known to "old timers" as the Hamblett place.

Mr. Henry Norris has bought of Mr. Charles H. McEvoy the land and buildings formerly of Mrs. E. S. L. Swallow. Also of same party a large tract of adjoining woodland, formerly a part of the Lucien McLoon farm, and now, winter of 1918-1919, being cleared of timber by a previous sale by Mr. McEvoy to other parties. Many are of the opinion that the largest pines in town are going to market from this lot.

Mr. Charles E. Haley has bought of Rhoda M. B. Vaughn her farm on Main Nashua Road.

The Vesper-Country Club sold to Mr. Donald W. MacKenzie land and buildings on Sherburne or Var-

num Avenue. The "oldest timers" might call it the Daniel Littlehale place.

Mr. Rupen Dakesson bought of Bertha E. Hazard land and buildings on river road to Hudson. One of the fine large farm homes of the town, upon which less than a year ago there stood about the most commodious barns in this part of the country, around a hundred feet long, well proportioned, the loss of which by fire was a calamity to the whole community.

Mr. James A. Turner sold to Mr. C. Herbert Peters, and Peters to Mr. John H. Douglass, land and buildings on river road to Hudson, N. H.

Mr. James F. Bradley by admx. to Mr. Henry F. Hebert, land and buildings at Wood's Corner.

Dr. J. Arthur Gage has bought of Edith B. Speare the place known to the older citizens as the Haskell Butterfield place. Large house and comparatively new barn built by Abner, son of Haskell. One of the many acred places (now or formerly comprised between two and three hundred acres) of the town. An elevated location with a pleasant outlook toward the setting sun. The healthfulness of the neighborhood has been well attested to by long lived predecessors. The writer well remembers the good natured tolerance with which "Uncle Haskell" would treat the little boy of eleven that could hardly wait for him to peruse his New York Ledger before loaning it to said eager lad. Sylvanus Cobb, Jr., wrote stories that conjured the fiction lover in those days. Obviously there will be many improvements made that will enhance its value as an important part or component of our small town.

Mrs. Francena L. Sherburne to Norman R. Sherburne, land and buildings. One of the few stone houses in town. When the writer took up his residence in Tyngsboro the mill was devoted to the manufacture of shoddy. For many years past it was owned and managed as a saw and cider mill by the late W. A. Sherburne.

Emeline E. Rice bought of Mary Quimby, land and buildings in the village on the Dunstable Road and later deeded the same to Mrs. Florence A. Holt.

Mr. Frank N. Wilkins sold to Mr. Peter Dube, his farm on old Nashua road.

W. A. Sherburne estate sold to Mrs. Hazel W. Bacon the old Major Andrews place.

Other transfers are J. Arthur Gage to Edward B. Carney, land on Varnum Avenue; J. Arthur Gage to Louis T. Richard, land and buildings on said avenue; Essie M. Williams to C. A. Lawrence, land on highway from Lowell to Nashua; C. A. Lawrence to C. E. Purple, land on same road.

Many of us will be pleased to hear that Washburn's Pond will again be an agreeable feature in the landscape. Mr. Mortimer C. Washburn informed the writer last summer that he still hoped to be able to find the leak in the dam which he had been endeavoring to stop for two or more years. It appears that the dam has automatically stopped the escape of water by absorbing floating vegetation and other debris. As the pond is now "full up," so that ice is being harvested therefrom, it bids fair to reimburse the proprietor for the effort to beautify the surrounding shore line which he made some time since.

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H. H. M.

VITAL STATISTICS

MARRIAGES

May 1—James Bayles, Annie Flagg Cox.
 May 8—Benjamin Howard McLoon, Dorothy Agnes Hanlon.
 May 15—Joseph T. Fallon, Gertrude M. Doyle.
 May 29—Henry Beaulieu, Ora Langlois.
 June 11—Harold Guy Dunlap, Minnie Howard.
 Aug. 31—Clarence M. Bacon, Hazel May Warley.
 Sept. 30—Albert G. Lessies, Blanch Cores Bergeron.
 Oct. 2—Orilla J. Pelletier, Marie Eugene Vaillencourt.
 Oct. 10—Ernest L. Stevens, Sybil S. Hines.

BIRTHS

Dec. 27, 1917—Russell Joseph Halligan
 Jan. 6—Charles Livingston Haines
 Jan. 7—Elizabeth Parrish Keyes
 Feb. 28—Edgar Joseph Alphonse Peters
 April 2—Kenneth Clayton Jordan
 May 1—Robert Wilkins Clarke
 June 8—Doris Wilkins
 June 17—Marie Alice Morissette
 July 5—Russell Owen Hughes
 July 15—Mary Lillian Rita Webster
 July 24—Muriel Arlene Lombard
 July 13—Blanch Rita Russom
 July 16—Alexandrine Nathalie Eno
 Aug. 18—Ethel May Wilkins
 Sept. 29—Warren Wingate Allgrove
 Nov. 25—Bernice Beatrice Roberts
 Nov. 19—Howard Warren Sherburne
 Dec. 30—Robert Francis Fallon
 April 17—Morris Redmon Crocker
 Aug. 7—Wallace Cylde Miller

DEATHS

Jan. 7—Michael J. Kelley
 Jan. 23—Jane N. Bockers (Vaughan)
 Jan. 29—Florence Dupras
 Feb. 15—Albert S. Randlett
 Feb. 9—Florence R. Clayton (Nelson)
 Jan. 24—John H. Lorman
 April 16—Fred R. Sinclair
 May 9—Catherine McMillan (Cameron)
 May 12—Unknown man found in Merrimack River.
 June 24—Fred A. Woodward
 July 12—Charles Elmer Hunter
 July 13—George H. Mack
 July 1—Still Born (Portraits)
 July 27—Robert J. Blakeley
 Aug. 11—Doris E. Carkin
 Aug. 10—Martha E. Coburn
 Aug. 19—Peter Hedstrom
 Aug. 18—Beatrice Murphy
 Aug. 22—Maria L. Smith (Sargent)
 Aug. 29—Ethel M. Wilkins
 Oct. 3—Marie Alice Morissette
 Oct. 3—George Economon
 Oct. 10—John Ayers Butterfield
 Oct. 18—Rose Snay
 Oct. 18—Royal W. Lovering
 Sept. 26—Viteleine Blaine (Fourrier)
 Oct. 13—Doris Wilkins
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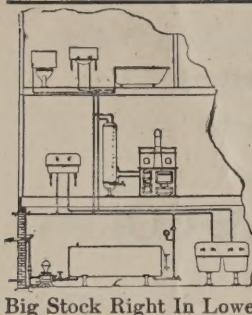
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